

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 30

January 13, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the procurement or construction of a new correctional facility in Shelby County. Creates a committee, appointed by the county mayor, that is required to submit plans for the procurement or construction of the new correctional facility to the Board of Control by January 1, 2022.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The mandatory increase in local government expenditures for Shelby County is dependent upon multiple unknown factors, including, but not limited to, specific plans for and timeline of the acquisition of an existing facility or construction of a new facility, size and security level of the acquired or constructed facility, and recurring facility maintenance and operational costs. Due to multiple unknown factors, the extent and timing of any such increase cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.*

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to the language of this legislation, the county mayor is required to appoint a committee of seven members to submit plans for the acquisition or construction of a new correctional facility to the Board of Control, including any plans for the architectural design and implementation timeline. The committee must consist of experts in environment, construction, operations, education, health, and human resources. The committee is required to submit the plans by January 1, 2022.
- Without any of the specifics of the future committee's plans, the extent, size, timing, and cost of the procurement or construction of a new correctional facility in Shelby County cannot be reasonably determined.
- Such procurement or construction will result in a mandatory increase in local expenditures in an unknown fiscal year or years after January 1, 2022.
- Based on the 2007 *Public Safety, Public Spending: Forecasting America's Prison Population 2007-2011* report by Pew Charitable Trusts, constructions costs per bed, adjusted for inflation, could range from \$32,000 for a minimum-security facility to over \$130,000 for a maximum-security facility.
- Construction of the 2,552-bed Trousdale Turner Correctional Center was completed in 2015 at a total cost of approximately \$144,000,000, for an inflation-adjusted cost of approximately \$62,000 per bed.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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